

Please do not drive another nail into the coffin of free exchange and the existence of a genuine local press in this country. The 35% cap on media ownership is already too high and we've seen the consequences. Media giants, some not even American-owned, have taken over our airwaves, our newspapers, our radio stations and our cable outlets. It has made us less democratic and less American. It has stifled public debate and has made us less aware at a moment in our history when every American should have access to as much information on the world around them from as many different viewpoints as they can. The only reason to increase the ownership cap is to help billion-dollar corporations make more money. But we American citizens own the airwaves with our tax dollars. They are meant to serve us, inform us and entertain us. As many people should have access to them as possible, and any action to increase the limits of media ownership will just squeeze out small, locally owned media until they cannot afford to exist without selling out to one of a handful of corporations. Please do not help to limit the voice of the many by selling out to the few. It is one of the most un-American things a government agency can do. The FCC was formed to protect the rights of the public. Please do so.